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SUBJECT: PNRC WOOD SYMPOSIUM

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2. RE HEALTH, ACCIDENT AND LIFE INSURANCE FOR INDIVIDUALS
PARA 1 ABOVE USIS TOKYO HAS CONFIRMED, AS REQUESTED BY LAMB, THAT
STATE DEPT. PROVIDES INSURANCE COVERAGE (AT USG EXPENSE) FOR
JAPANESE OFFICIALS VISITING U.S. UNDER ITS GRANTS. (FYI: GOJ
DOES NOT ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY IN CONNECTION WITH INJURY,
ILLNESS, OR DEATH OF ITS EMPLOYEES WHEN THEY ARE TRAVELLING
ABROAD AT INVITATION AND EXPENSE OF ANOTHER GOVERNMENT.)
USIS TOKYO SUGGESTS CHECKING WITH CU/EA RE DETAILS OF ITS
GROUP INSURANCE FOR GUARANTEES GRANTEES AND REQUESTING ITS
ADVICE AND COOPERATION WITH PNRC IN ARRANGEMENTS FOR THIS
GROUP.

3. MIN. LABOR REPRESENTATIVES (PARA 1 J,K ABOVE)
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ARE INSTRUCTORS AT TEACHER-TRAINING INSTITUTES. TANI
IN CHARGE OF NATIONAL PROGRAM FOR UPGRADING SKILLS OF
VOCATIONAL INSTRUCTORS IN CONSTRUCTION TRADES. BOTH
TANI AND ITO HAVE TAUGHT 2 X 4 CONSTRUCTION. THEY INFORMED
EMBASSY THEY WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN ALL PLANT, CONSTRUCTION
SITE, AND LABORATORY VISITS ON THE GENERAL SCHEDULE BUT
REQUEST BEING EXCUSED FROM TECHNICAL AND GRADING DISCUSSIONS
IN ORDER TO VISIT APPROPRIATE INSTITUTIONS THEIR FIELD.

THEY CHIEFLY INTERESTED IN MANAGEMENT, CURRICULUM PLANNING, AND MOTIVATION IN A LARGE-SCALE VOCATIONAL TEACHER-TRAINING EFFORT. ALSO INTERESTED IN TEACHER-TRAINING AND STUDENT TEXTBOOKS AND OTHER LEARNING AIDS, ON-THE-JOB TRAINING AND APPRENTICE PROGRAMS, (AND INTEGRATION AND REINFORCEMENT OF THEORY AND PRACTICE), AND STANDARDS FOR EVALUATING QUALIFICATIONS OF VOCATIONAL INSTRUCTORS. THEY HAVE PERMISSION TO REMAIN IN U.S. THRU MARCH 5 (U.S. TIME) FOR SUGGESTED TRIP TO WASHDC IF U.S. SIDE BELIEVES THIS WOULD BE PRODUCTIVE IN TERMS OF INTERESTS OUTLINED ABOVE.

4. MATSUTANI AND TANAKA (PARAS 1A, H ABOVE) WISH TO TRAVEL TO SEATTLE VIA SAN FRANCISCO (SF) IN ORDER TO VISIT SF 2 X 4 TOWNHOUSE DEVELOPMENTS AND WOULD APPRECIATE PNRC ARRANGING ITINERARY IF POSSIBLE. THEY WISH TO DEPART TOKYO 16:15 FEB. 22 VIA PA#2, ARR. SF 08:10 FEB. 22, SPEND THAT DAY IN SF, AND CONTINUE ON TO SEATTLE THAT EVENING. AS REQUESTED BY PNRC, EMBASSY HAS URGED THAT THEY RECONSIDER THIS STRENOUUS SCHEDULE IN FAVOR OF VISITS TO SIMILAR DEVELOPMENTS SEATTLE AREA. IN RESPONSE MATSUTANI SAID MIN. CONSTRUCTION LOOKING INTO TOWNHOUSES AS POSSIBILITY FOR SINGLE FAMILY HOMES IN TOKYO AREA WHERE LAND AND CONSTRUCTION COSTS EXCEPTIONALLY HIGH AND THAT HE WANTS TO VISIT SF DEVELOPMENTS BECAUSE HE BELIEVES CLAIMATE AND LAND PRICES IN SF MORE COMPARABLE TO TOKYO THAN THOSE IN SEATTLE. HE REITERATED HIS INTEREST IN PURSUING ABOVE PLAN.
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